

English Bowls Umpires Association

Minutes of an Executive meeting held on Wednesday 29 December 2010

at Oxford City & County BC

Present -

R White – Chairman

M Wellington – Deputy Chairman

R Moore – Secretary

J Clark – Deputy Secretary

V Findell - Treasurer

A Thornhill – Development Officer

P Jones – Executive Member

1 Chairman's opening remarks

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and hoped that they had had a merry Christmas.

2 Apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Mary Taylor (Executive Member).

3 Minutes of previous meeting

The minutes of the meeting of 2 November 2010 had previously been circulated and proposed P.Jones, seconded R White, were duly signed by the Chairman as a true record.

4 Matters Arising

- i) Mavis Wellington asked what stock was at present being held as the amounts reported in the previous minutes seemed to be causing disquiet amongst the members. The Treasurer said that the stock amounted to approximately £1400 from the men's Association and about the same from the ladies. The 'men's'; stock consisted largely of 'old' uniform items, and some 30 metre measures, but no shirts, and the ladies was a similar selection of 'old' uniform items but contained one 'umpire' shirt and one 'marker' shirt.
- ii) The umpires for the Internationals at Stanley IBC had been organised
- iii) Rick Moore reported that he had now attended meetings in all areas to which he had been invited and was in a position to put together a report outlining his proposals for a scheme for the payment of umpire expenses and his suggestions for the 'booking' of umpires.

iv) It was agreed that because the new uniform was not ready those officiating at the Nationals should wear white blouses/shirts and navy trousers

4a) In view of the continuing debate concerning the new uniform Vernon Findell proposed that the membership be given the opportunity to decide on the colour of the new shirts. He had produced a specimen ballot form which showed four designs so that the members could indicate their preference. It was agreed that this should be issued to all members with the requirement that 'votes' be returned to the Chairman by 24 January. They would be opened in front of witnesses at the Council meeting on 27 January.

5 Correspondence received

An email had been received from Moira Sheehan proposing that a discussion of the uniform be put on the agenda for the AGM. This was noted for inclusion when the AGM agenda was compiled.

6 Secretary's report

Rick Moore said that his report would form the basis of the special meeting to be held following this meeting.

7 Treasurer's report

The Treasurer produced accounts at December 2010 showing that at present there appeared to be a considerable loss. This was the result of the expenditure on the development items which would be recouped when they began to be marketed.

The balance of the funds from the ladies Association (in addition to the £9000 he had received in the summer) had now been received (following the finalisation of their examination cycle) allowing the ladies account to be closed.

Margaret Ashford-Hull was no longer able to continue as a zone representative and he had arranged for her to be sent flowers as a 'thank you' for all the hard work she had put in over many years.

In view of the level and types of stock held he asked that he be allowed to write off the remaining uniform items in the accounts. This was unanimously agreed.

8 Development Officer's report

Allan Thornhill reported that the new 'Home Study' manual had been printed and was on sale priced at £13.00 (£14.50 with Postage and packing). The first module written paper will be available at the end of January.

Application forms for training would be available on 1 January and would be automatically sent to those on the waiting list.

Filming for the DVD had commenced but the second day had had to be postponed to the end of January due to the inclement weather. It was anticipated that the DVD would be completed by 1 March and would sell for £10.00

The Training Procedures and Programmes documents have been printed ready for distribution to the training and examination personnel. The seminar for the national tutors and examiners will be held in Leicester in February.

The Development officer proposed that the fees for training would be £35.00 for new candidates (including the training material) and £15.00 for upgrades and retests. This was unanimously agreed.

It was agreed that there be an 'evaluation point' on 31 December 2011 to enable the reactions to the training and the financial position to be reviewed.

9 Any other business

- i) Mavis Wellington had been asked to raise several queries
 - a) Was there any procedure in respect of executive/council members who did not attend meetings? Phyl Jones said there was no mechanism for this in the Constitution
 - b) What were the proposals for the new regions? This was to be the topic of a special meeting to follow this meeting.
- ii) Jessie Clark asked people to review the version of the headed paper they were using to ensure that it was current.
- lii) Phyl Jones said that a revised version of the constitution (with a larger font) had been put on the web site.

10 Next meeting

The next meeting Executive would be on 27 January 2011 at Leamington Spa at 11.00am, followed by a Council Meeting.

There being no other business the Chairman closed the meeting at 12.20. The Committee would then reconvene to consider the proposals concerning the Regional structure

Chairman

Minutes of a special Executive meeting held on 29 January 2010.

The Committee discussed the various options suggested and unanimously agreed to put forward the following proposals to the AGM.

- 1 The country shall be divided into nine regions.
2. Each region shall have one male and one female regional secretary
3. The counties in each region would be as follows:-

Region 1

Cumbria, Durham, Lancashire, Northumberland, Yorkshire

Region 2

Derbyshire, Leicestershire, Lincolnshire, Nottinghamshire, Northamptonshire.

Region 3

Bedfordshire, Hertfordshire, Middlesex

Region 4

Berkshire, Buckinghamshire, Oxfordshire

Region 5

Cambridgeshire, Essex, Huntingdonshire, Norfolk, Suffolk

Region 6

Gloucestershire, Herefordshire, Warwickshire, Worcestershire

Region 7

Kent, Surrey, Sussex

Region 8

Dorset, Hampshire, Isle of Wight, Wiltshire

Region 9

Cornwall, Devon, Somerset

The Chairman closed the meeting at 1.50pm

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